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## MACCRAWFORD'S

Hurry up if you want to buy Christmas Goods. Be advised to do your trading in the morning, and avoid the tremendous jam of the afternoon. This is good advice and should be taken by all. Toys and Holiday Goods still in abundant supply at Crawford's. The programme for the remaining few days is: Christmas Goods at half price and fun for nothing!! We are not in the show business to make a living, but we could easily discount Barnum did we but half try. Barnum will charge for admission 50 cents to \$1.00, while Crawford charges you nothing!!

See the wonderful Punch and Judy in South Broadway window—a most clever and unique performance.

Now moved to the Octagon window, the unparalleled collection of living and grotesque oddities, whose new and wonderful jigs and dances are peculiar to themselves only, as also the latest importation—Donald MacPherson from Loch Eek, Argyleshire, a direct descendant of the Clan MacPherson who has danced on several occasions before the Queen at Balmoral, in his inimitable dancing of Gillie Callum, the Sword dance and the Highland fling. Of course, he is rigged out in the kilts, the tartan of his clan, and as he appeared before the Queen!!

The only living and for sure into Claus in toy department!

And

rof. Northcott, the world-renowned Cornet Soloist, who disses from the third-floor balcony the lyric gems of England, and, Scotland and America.

hile giving all the above eninnments for the pleasure and ation of both old and young, of, of course, has always e to the main chance, and is ag all previous records in his sales of Holiday Goods. He has by far the finest selection in the City, and, of course, at Crawford prices, which always mean from 25 to 75 per cent below all competition!

See the thousands upon thousands of people who congregate at Crawford's daily. See the vast acreage of new and beautiful holiday goods.

See 750 of the busiest salespeople in the world, all working like hatters!!

See how Crawford sells Holiday Goods as compared with other stores, and you will not be in the least surprised, that everybody goes to Crawford's!!

Just opened up: 100 cases new styles plaid and striped Dress Gingham, French styles, at 7 1-2c and 8 1-2c a yard; well worth 10c and 12 1-2c.

Open to-night until 9 o'clock.

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THE GREAT QUESTION NOW.

Don't Forget the "Only M'Nichol!"  
"What will he bring me, mama, say I?"  
And a pleading face lay close to hers.  
She had been talking of Christmas day,  
One of old Santa's wordy days.  
"I wrote a long time ago because  
So many children send a letter.  
Mama, do you think Santa Claus  
Would bring me if I'd been some better?"  
"Never mind, baby, do not fret,  
Old St. Nick is your patron saint.  
None of your wails will he forget.  
It's quite too early to make complaints.  
But what will I do for Christmas gifts?  
I fear my stocking will empty be.  
Santa don't come through snowy drifts,  
From Iceland towns for folks like me!"  
"Oh! Mama dear, he do! He do!  
He did last time. Don't you 'ketch  
Those bootful furniture, all for you!  
He'll do it again, I really 'spect."  
A glow of bluish on mama's cheek.  
That she had given the child a doubt  
When Christmas came. From week to week  
What had she to complain about.  
Home is the mother's kingdom here.  
Home the beautiful, made as he can.  
Dearest growl year after year.  
And earlier go by M'Nichol's plan.  
Nothing the brine could bring or give,  
Would all the want in the mother's least.  
Like that which teaches her how to live—  
Home belongings and works of art.  
Such as you can see in all the pretty new homes  
made by that elastic and excellent installment plan.  
What Christmas gift can be better than a new car-  
pet, that longed-for old-board or parlor set? Or, in  
greater needs, a whole new outfit? Pay down a small  
sum, the rest by M'Nichol's plan and it is done. See!  
(Trade Mark.) THE ONLY M'NICHOL.  
1025, 1024, 1023, 1024 Market St.  
P. S.—This would be the greatest surprise of all to  
the good wife and mother—new furnishings—even the  
children would be happier and better.

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Tough, Elastic and Durable

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We have a fine assortment of Rochester Piano Lamps, and are offering them lower than other dealers will ask you for old-style and out-of-date lamps. If you want ANY KIND OF A LAMP, come and see our elegant line before you decide upon some inferior kind elsewhere. We have also in stock a very great variety of other desirable articles for Holiday Gifts, which we shall be pleased to show you.

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## Florida Oranges.

The first of the season, from the celebrated groves of FRED DE BARY, situated on Lake George and St. John's River. The QUALITY IS UNSURPASSED.

Also, finest selections of Malaga Grapes, Cluster and Cooking Raisins, Vostezie and Zante Currants, Nuts, Candied Peels and all seasonable goods.

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For I've been down to DIMICK'S and have a load. I honestly believe you can get more there for your money than at any other place in the city. Just look! I have Steam Engines, Magic Lanterns, Locomotives, Chess, Dominoes, Skates and—well, to tell the truth, I don't know what I haven't got. Before buying your Holiday Goods call and inspect our stock of Toys and Plush Goods.

R. E. DIMICK & CO.,

IXL Pocket Cutlery and Scissors,  
OPEN UNTIL 9 P. M. 516 PINE ST.

CHRISTMAS  
Mellier's, 518 Olive St.

Best Assortment of Seasonable Novelties at the Lowest Prices.  
Manicure, Toilet and Shaving Sets in Sterling and Oxidized Silver, Celluloid, etc., etc.

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ON EASY

## WEEKLY or MONTHLY Payments

We have on hand a very large, cheap and handsome assortment of Christmas Presents and Novelties, consisting of Plush, Rattan and Fancy Chairs and Rockers, Finely Framed Oil Paintings and Engravings, Plush Toilet Cases and Sewing Sets, Plush Smoking and Poker Sets, Marble, Iron, Wood, Plush and Fancy Clocks, Plush and Leather Albums, Collar and Cuff Boxes, etc., Blaque, Bronze and Terra Cotta Statues and Ornaments, Fancy Hall and Hanging Lamps and Chandeliers, Castors, Butter Dishes, Pickle Jars and Silverware, Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Toilet Sets, Umbrella Stands, etc., which we are selling very low, either for cash or on easy payments.

THE STRAUS-EMERICH OUTFITTING CO.

1121, 1123 AND 1125 OLIVE STREET.

Also, the largest general line of Furniture, Carpets, Stoves and House-Furnishing Goods in the city. Open until 9 o'clock at night.

NOTHING SO USEFUL,  
NOTHING SO APPROPRIATE,

## For a Xmas Present

To your gentlemen friends as a BOX OF CIGARS from

The Schottmueller Exposition Cigar Co.

In the original boxes, especially made for the Holidays.

From 50 Cents to \$25.00 Per Box.

Large assortment of Smoking Articles, MERSCHAUM  
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Prices are Lower than the Lowest

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NOTION DEPARTMENT.

To make room for NEW GOODS we shall offer the following Staple and Fancy Goods at PRICES LOWER THAN EVER BEFORE SOLD IN THE WEST, FOR ONE WEEK, COMMENCING DECEMBER 17.

5000 pos Hamburg Edging.  
3000 pos Oriental Lace.  
1000 pos Valenciennes Lace.  
2000 pos Fancy Laces.  
10,000 pos Ribbons of Various Grades.  
1000 pos Table Oil Cloth.

5000 gross Fancy and Metal Buttons.  
100,000 Paper Collars.  
\$5000 worth Pocket Books, Bags and Satchels.  
\$1000 worth Plush and Fancy Toilet Boxes, Comb Cases, Etc.

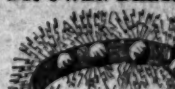
AND VARIOUS OTHER LINES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

We do not obligate ourselves to duplicate any goods at prices sold during this Special Sale.

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AT PRICES TO SUIT THE POOR AS WELL AS THE RICH, FOR TO-MORROW, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

\$1.50

For your choice of 100 styles Ladies' Trimmed Hats, well worth \$3.50. They are the best of Felt, trimmed with ribbon, fancy feathers, tips and ornaments; all new and desirable shapes.

We have no Hats at 5c, but we will sell you your choice of 200 dozen Ladies' Wool Felt Hats, the latest shapes in all colors, including Wool Felt Sailors and Children's Trimmed Sailors, for 25c. This quality of hats have never been sold for less than \$1.00.

## FANCY PLUSH BOXES.

500 Plush Work Boxes, satin lined, at 65c, 75c, 85c, 98c, \$1, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, up.  
225 Plush and Leather Collar and Cuff Boxes, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.95 per set.  
375 Plush Albums, 79c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, up.  
400 Leatherette Toilet Boxes, containing comb, brush and glass, 39c, 58c, 75c, 98c, up.

## GLOVES, FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY.

59c.

500 dozen Ladies' 4-Button, Embroidered Back, Real French Kid Gloves, in browns, tans and blacks.

\$1.00.

25 dozen Ladies' 4-Button, Embroidered Back, Warranted Genuine French Kid Gloves, in mahogany, brown, black and tan; worth \$1.50.

\$1.00.

200 dozen Ladies' best quality Black Silk Mittens, plain and fancy backs; regular price \$1.25; your choice for Friday and Saturday at 95c.

## HANDKERCHIEFS.

15c.

1,000 doz. Ladies' White and Colored Embroidered, Hemstitched and Scalloped Handkerchiefs, all linen; reduced from 20c and 25c.

## HOSIERY.

45c.

150 dozen Ladies' Fancy Lisle Thread Hose, in all the latest patterns of stripe and Boot pattern; reduced from 75c and 85c.

The best Candy in the city at the Lowest Prices.

Christmas Presents of all kinds at the very Lowest Prices.

Call and see our prices and compare them with other houses.

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IN FAMOUS BUILDING  
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OF HOLLY, MISTLETOE AND WREATHING.

Our Holly is of the finest quality, selected solely for our own trade, and is fresh, green, and full of berries. Extra heavy wreaths and garlands of Ground Pine, made from selected stock, at lowest rates. Churches supplied. We are making special low prices on early orders.

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BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.  
Boxes of our choice Roses and other Fine Flowers; Fancy Zinc-Lined Baskets, filled with Growing Ferns; Palm and other decorations for vases and jardiniere.

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IN LACLEDE BUILDING, Cor. FOURTH

ENTRANCES FROM FOURTH ST. THROUGH LACLEDE BUILDING.

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### FOUGHT THIS MORNING.

#### A Battle Between the British Troops and the Sudan Rebels.

#### Gallant Charge of the Egyptian Regiments and the Black Brigade.

The War in the Sudan—Great slaughter of Arabs—Insurgent Loss of the British—The Sudanese Charge the Enemy to Handoub—Gen. Grenfell's Official Report—The Honorable Artillery Company—A Sensational Scene in the French Senate—Lord Salisbury's Speech—Russia's Protest to Persia—Foreign News.

**Special Cablegram to the Post-Dispatch.**  
LONDON, December 20.—The news of the engagement at Suakin was first published in the second edition of the *Telegraph*. The message was from Bennett Burleigh, the *Telegraph's* special correspondent, who put a concise description on the wires five minutes after the battle was over. Gen. Grenfell's official account says that the enemy fought desperately, but admits that no English officer was killed. There were a number of casualties, but the names are not known. The hope is generally expressed that as the Arabs lost their guns and their positions, the British will be able to confine themselves to the defense of Suakin. "O'Connor's organ, the *Star*, heads the account of the engagement 'A National Crime.' The customary outcry is raised in favor of an annexation. Sir Lepel Griffin says that as long as England holds Suakin, the British will be able to defend the Egyptian Government, and that the true remedy is the annexation of Suakin and the surrounding country to the British Empire. He prophesies that in six months Suakin would then be as quiet as South Kensington.

#### THE FIRST BATTLE.

A Victory for the British Troops in the Sudan.  
LONDON, December 20.—A dispatch from Suakin says: The combined force of British and Egyptians made an attack upon the rebel position. They stormed the redoubts and trenches, and after a brilliant engagement lasting half an hour drove the enemy into the bush. The rebels were reported to have lost a thousand men killed. The British loss was slight. The British are encamped in the rebel position. The victory was complete.

A GALLANT CHARGE.  
A later dispatch from Suakin says: The British lost four men killed and two wounded during a gallant cavalry charge. The Egyptian and black regiments charged the trenches and carried them brilliantly, losing two men killed and thirty wounded. The only officers wounded in the attacking force were two Egyptians. The rebel loss is now stated to have been 400.

PARTICULARS OF THE BATTLE.  
The *Standard's* correspondent at Suakin sends the following particulars of the battle: "At 4:30 this morning the man-of-war 'Racer' opened the battle by shelling the enemy's trenches. The ships up the coast followed suit and landed parties, who lighted fire and placed dummies in position. This had the effect of deceiving the enemy, who were ordered to move forward. The British detachment with machine guns and cavalry and mounted infantry scouting and protecting the flanks and rear. Two lines, comprising battalions in double companies, rushed toward the left corner of the enemy's trenches. The British infantry and Egyptian reserve lined the embankment between the water forts. Gen. Grenfell and staff occupied a position to the left of the water forts. From 5 o'clock heavy salvos of guns and mortars from every fort bore on the trenches."  
GEN. GRENFELL'S OFFICIAL DISPATCH.  
An official dispatch from Gen. Grenfell, dated Suakin 22d, says: "The enemy's loss was 400. The Sudanese are still pursuing the Arabs. The trenches are nearly filled and two temporary redoubts are being built. The joint forces are entrenched. They will bivouac on the field to-night, the naval detachment with the machine guns remaining in the trenches. I have sent the man-of-war 'Racer' and all the available steamers to anchor off Handoub in order to prevent a force from Handoub coming upon us. During the action the Derwishes were so severely punished that we expect to have a quiet night."

RETURN OF THE RUSSIAN.  
The Hussars who followed the fleeing Arabs have returned. They chased the enemy to a point within four miles of Handoub. The enemy were still flying.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.  
Another dispatch from Suakin says a feature of the fight was the determined rush upon the trenches by the black and Egyptian. The derwishes fought with the utmost bravery, a great many of them dying in the trenches. The charge of the Hussars is also specially mentioned. When the Derwish cavalry saw them coming they dismounted from their horses and planted their spears in the ground, but these proved no obstruction to the Hussars, who swept down upon the Derwishes between the left half of the charge and the right half of the charge, and charged the remaining Derwishes, who fled. A large portion of the rebel force was not engaged in to-day's fighting, being absent from Handoub and the wells beyond. It is believed.

ment between the forts, the British infantry being held in check. The forts were shelled the trenches, keeping up a terrible fire.

RETREAT OF THE ENEMY.  
The enemy held their ground with intense courage, until the Black Brigade charged the trenches, which fell after half an hour's hard fighting. The rebels fought with fanatical bravery. Two of the enemy's guns were captured. The naval brigade did splendid work. The Scottish Borderers are now at work entrenching the rebel position. The enemy are retreating towards Hasheen and Tamar. The British force numbers 4,000 men.

PAID FEES.  
An interesting return—extending the Parcel Post to America.  
Special Cablegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
LONDON, December 20.—A return has been issued, similar to the one recently published about the Commons, showing the number of peers receiving public money. Making allowance for the fact that some appear under more than one heading, the number is 123 out of a total of hardly more than 500 peers. Amongst the recipients are some men known to be of bad character and others completely unknown. The recipients of salaries include Lord Sackville, who gets £2,000 and an official residence, and Salisbury, who follows Gladstone's example of taking only the salary of one office, although holding two.

THE PARCEL POST.  
Rowntree intends to ask the Government to extend the parcel-post system to America. The extension to Australia has been so successful that the rates have been reduced. Parliamentary business is over, but the adjournment may be delayed until Wednesday, consequently the Queen being at Osborne. The proceedings henceforth will be purely formal.

ENGLAND.  
LORD SALISBURY REJOICED.  
LONDON, December 20.—Lord Salisbury, in a speech at Scarborough last night, dwelt upon the progress the Liberal-Unionists were making and rejoiced over the impossibility of their reuniting with Mr. Gladstone's party.

CANNOT ABANDON SUKIN.  
Lord Salisbury said the Ministry had no intention of entangling the country in a new Sudan expedition, but they could not abandon Suakin. The English, Egyptian and Turkish Ministries were unanimous in the opinion that Suakin must not be abandoned.

THE ORDERS COUNTERMAINED.  
The orders to send reinforcements of troops to the Mediterranean have been countermanded.  
THE HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY.  
In the House of Commons this afternoon, Mr. Stanhope, Secretary for War, replying to a question of Mr. Rowlands, denied that the Queen had withdrawn the Honorable Artillery Company's warrant, and said he hoped that the necessity for such a step would not arise. Recent events, however, had demanded the reconstruction of the company, the object of which was to be the formation of a new corps in the Sudan.

THE FAILURE OF A LARGE FIRM OF GRAIN DEALERS IS REPORTED.

FRANCE.

M. CHALLEMEL-LACOUR'S SPEECH.  
PARIS, December 20.—The newspapers comment M. Challemlacour's speech in the Senate yesterday as a masterly effort, although several of them reproach him for striking a blow at the Republic by attacking the Radicals. The *Journal des Debats* credits him with the account of his convictions. Prior to the assembling of the Senate to-day the different groups will hold a meeting and agree upon a line of action which, it is expected, will result in the rejection of M. Leon Say's motion providing for the printing of M. Challemlacour's speech and its posting in public places throughout the country.

EXCITING SCENE IN THE SENATE.  
This afternoon, M. Leon Say withdrew his motion providing for the printing of M. Challemlacour's speech and its posting throughout the country. After he had made his announcement, M. Naquet ascended the tribune and renewed M. Say's motion. There was immediately a great uproar in the Chamber, the members shouting "Enough!" "Enough!" and demanding that the member take his seat. The President stated that M. Naquet had taken up M. Say's motion on his own account. That there was renewed disorder, which was increased when M. Naquet left the tribune and attempted to make a speech from the floor, the tumult being so great as to completely drown his voice. Several members shouted "Expel him," and the President, as soon as he could make himself heard, called M. Naquet to order. The latter thereupon left the chamber. The Senate afterwards rejected his motion and then resumed the debate on the budget.

RUSSIA'S PROTEST.  
ST. PETERSBURG, December 20.—It is rumored that the Government has sent a note to Persia protesting against any attempt on the part of that country to grant a monopoly of Persian commerce to any foreign power.

EGYPT.

SAVATION OF THE NILE.  
CAIRO, December 20.—It is officially announced that the navigation of the Nile is as easy this year as it has been in former years.

LADIES' EPISODE.  
Shoes at \$1.50 and \$2.00; fine French silk worth \$5 at \$3.50.

GLORIE, 705 to 715 Franklin avenue.  
Dr. Bernays Remembered.

At a meeting of the class of 1888-89 of the College of Physicians and Surgeons reconstituted in 1888, the death of Dr. Bernays was remembered.

## THE CITY POWERLESS.

### So the Supreme Court Says in an Important Decision.

#### No Rights Vested in the Municipal Assembly to Regulate Telephone Rates.

An Ordinance Reducing the Rent of Telephones to \$50 Per Annum Declared Null and Void by the Tribunal at the State Capital—Relief From the Present Exorbitant Charges Can Only Be Given by the General Assembly—History of the Case.

THE Bell Telephone Co. scores another victory to-day in the Supreme Court of Missouri. The city of St. Louis has no right to regulate the rates of the telephone company, notwithstanding the fact that the company occupies the streets with its unsightly poles and in some localities almost shuts out the light of heaven with the web of wires spread over the narrow down-town thoroughfares. In its attempt to deal with the company and to secure more reasonable rates for the use of the instruments, not absolutely necessary, the Supreme Court steps in between the city and the corporation and says that the municipality has no right to regulate the company's charges for the benefit of its citizens. The equalizing law of competition in this case is the city of St. Louis, which is the only city in the State which has the right to regulate the rates of the telephone company. The Supreme Court has decided that the city of St. Louis has no right to regulate the rates of the telephone company.

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The case in which the above opinion was rendered was instituted in the First District Court by the city of St. Louis, to test the validity of an ordinance of the city which reduced the rates of the telephone company. The ordinance provided that the rates of the telephone company should be reduced to \$50 per annum for business houses and \$100 per annum for residences. The city of St. Louis had the right to regulate the rates of the telephone company. The Supreme Court has decided that the city of St. Louis has no right to regulate the rates of the telephone company.

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To enable customers who have been disappointed in getting properly waited upon during this unusual rush of the past week, as well as those who wish to avoid a crowd, we will retain half our salespeople on duty, and KEEP OPEN OUR STORES

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Call attention to their UNEQUALLED STOCK OF LONDON DYED, GENUINE ALASKA SEALS, in Jackets, Sacques, Ulsters and Dolmans. That for SUPERIOR SKINS, PERFECT SHAPES and FIT, as well as the EXQUISITE SHADE of the FUR, makes them second to no goods manufactured. Our experience of 18 years' dealing with one manufacturer, that is considered one of the most reliable dealers in the business, and who furnishes us fully 90 per cent of the goods we sell, ENABLES US TO GUARANTEE with the UTMOST CONFIDENCE all goods sold by us, and our prices may be relied upon as being AS LOW for the same quality of garments as sold by any reliable house in the country. WE INVITE A CAREFUL INSPECTION OF OUR LINE.

While the advance within the past thirty days in the skins have been about 40 per cent, OUR PRICES ARE BASED ON JULY PURCHASES, and NO ADVANCE made on goods we have in stock.

## SPECIAL SALE OF IMPORTED WRAPS

### AND CLOAKS AND WRAPS

OF NEW YORK MANUFACTURE, CONSISTING OF

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That will be offered from 20 to 40 per cent LESS than the same VALUES WERE SOLD at the BEGINNING OF THE SEASON.

\$10.00 Worth Children's Dress and School Wraps, Made in the Very Best Style and Choicest Materials, AT HALF THEIR VALUE.

empty writ denied and proceeding dismissed. The court adjourned to the 7th of January, 1889.

Man's Suit-Lined Chinless Overcoat, \$10.00, \$5.00 to 715 Franklin avenue.

Carroll's Jettings.

The Bowling Club will have a match to-night at Turner Hall.

The active Turners will give an entertainment next Wednesday evening at Turner Hall.

Miss Julia Lee has returned to her home in Poplar Bluff, after a brief visit to friends here.

The Germania Turnverein Society will give a musical and literary entertainment next Wednesday evening at Turner Hall.

The pupils of Miss Rose Cooper's room in the Bible school will give an entertainment next Friday afternoon prior to the closing of the school for the holidays.

Bishop Bowman preached last evening at the M. E. Church, his subject being "The Kingdom of Heaven." The church was literally packed with people.

John A. Leary, a plumber, and W. J. Gray, a contractor, were before Justice Meegan this morning for the purpose of getting him to sign a bill which Gray presented to Gray for his services. Gray evidently thought the bill too high, and also thought he would receive a large amount of business, and therefore took a change of venue.

The Southern District of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, embracing the Baptist and Presbyterian societies of Carroll county, will hold a social meeting at the residence of F. H. Clark, situated at the corner of Fifth and Franklin avenues, on Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock. The program has been arranged and the ladies of the church are invited to attend. The program has been arranged and the ladies of the church are invited to attend.



# FOR OUR COAST DEFENSE.

## SECRETARY WHITNEY INVITES PROPOSALS FOR AN ARMORED VESSEL.

The Plans and Specifications—Congress agrees on the date of the Holiday season—Massachusetts' Educational Commission—The Consular and Diplomatic Appropriations—Proceedings in Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—Proposals were today invited by the Secretary of the Navy for the construction, by contract, of an armored coast defense vessel of about 4,000 tons displacement, complete, exclusive of armament. Bids will be opened at the Navy Department at noon on the 30th of February, 1889. The vessel is to be built in accordance with the conditions and limitations prescribed in the act of Congress approved March 3, 1867, making appropriation for the naval service, including this vessel, under the provisions relating to the construction of "naval structures to be used for coast and harbor defense."

The material used in the construction of the vessel is to be of American production, and furnished and manufactured in the United States. The armor, armor bolts and the accessories are to be furnished by the Government, and the contractor is to place the armor on the hull of the vessel. The vessel is to be constructed according to plans and specifications provided or adopted by the Secretary of the Navy. Plans and specifications, forms of proposals and general forms of contract will be sent to the contractor on or before December 26. The vessel must be completed within three years from the date of the award of the contract, and payments will be made on equal installments as the work progresses. Upon bills duly certified, from which 10 per cent will be paid on the completion of the contract. Proposals will be received from every American ship builder and other persons who shall show to the satisfaction of the Secretary that within three months of the date of the proposals are divided into three classes as follows:

For the construction of the vessels and machinery, according to these plans with such modifications or changes as may be proposed by the bidder; or for the construction of the vessel according to plans, provided by the Secretary, the contractor to put in engines, boilers and appurtenances of any design he may consider more suitable, not to exceed the weight of the vessel, and to be paid for by the department. Plans, specifications and appurtenances of any design he may consider more suitable, not to exceed the weight of the vessel, and to be paid for by the department. Plans, specifications and appurtenances of any design he may consider more suitable, not to exceed the weight of the vessel, and to be paid for by the department.

### Consular and Diplomatic Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—The committee on Foreign Affairs today shed consideration of the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill, and instructed Mr. McCreary to report to the House. The bill appropriates \$1,427,225, a decrease of \$1,440 from the appropriation of the current year. Mr. McCreary's report from the committee on the bill is as follows: The bill appropriates \$1,427,225, a decrease of \$1,440 from the appropriation of the current year. Mr. McCreary's report from the committee on the bill is as follows: The bill appropriates \$1,427,225, a decrease of \$1,440 from the appropriation of the current year.

### An Educational Petition.

NOTON, D. C., December 20.—Senator Norton today signed a petition to-day signed by 3,228 citizens of Massachusetts praying for the adoption of a constitutional amendment which will prohibit the interference of any religious sect or denomination in the public schools. The petition is the expression of a large public gathering of citizens at a meeting held at the State House in Boston, and asks the Senate to speedily frame such constitutional amendments as may be necessary to the Legislature of the several States for their approval or rejection.

### The Interstate Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—The Interstate Commerce Commission after a brief and unimportant session this morning concluded its inquiry into the rates and classifications in force on the Southern railroads.

### Senator Quay's Return.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—Senator Quay returned to the Capitol at 3 o'clock this afternoon from his visit to Indianapolis.

### To-day's Bond Offerings.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—To-day's bond offerings aggregated \$75,000, as follows: Coupon 4s, \$30,000 at 125 1/2; registered 4s, \$1,000 at 125 1/2; \$44,000 at 125 1/2. None of the offerings were accepted.

### FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

#### The Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—The Senate met at 11 a. m. On motion of Mr. Sherman, the House amendments to the direct tax bill were taken up, beginning with the conference ordered. Senators Sherman, Morrill and Vance were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Morrill asked unanimous consent that the voting on the tariff bill and the amendments thereto be deferred until 10 o'clock on the 31st of January next, after which there shall be no further debate without unanimous consent. Mr. Sherman consented and that order was given and that order was given. Mr. Morrill then moved an amendment to the bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the tariff, and that order was given.

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On motion of Mr. Manderson, the House bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River in Iowa and Nebraska, was passed with amendments. The bill was taken up, beginning with the schedule F, relating to tobacco and cigars. No amendment was offered to the first paragraph, and the bill was passed.

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### EAST ST. LOUIS AND BELLEVILLE.

#### A Cairo Short Line Car Broken Open and Two of the Thieves Captured.

A Cairo Short Line car, containing merchandise, was broken last night at Jarrot station, near Jarrot Junction, and three caddies of tobacco were found missing this morning. The police observed a quartette of men this morning in the vicinity of Jarrot Station whom they suspected to have committed the robbery. They started to arrest them, but two of them took to flight and escaped. At the station the two that have been captured gave the names of Frank Raymond and George Smith. On being searched, over three pounds of plug tobacco were found in their possession.

#### Mollie Carper, an old-timer, was fined \$3 and costs by Justice Keane this morning for creating a disturbance in the Fourth Ward.

The Christmas market, given by the ladies of the Summit Avenue M. E. Church last night, was well attended. It will be continued to-night, and refreshments will be served. The display of fancy work is large and pretty.

#### The House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—By designation of the Speaker, Mr. Crisp of Georgia presided over the deliberations of the House this morning. On motion of Mr. Phelan of Tennessee the Senate amendments were concurred in to the House bill for the incorporation of the American Historical Association. On motion of Mr. McMillan of Tennessee the Senate amendments were concurred in to the House bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to construct bridges across the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers.

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### LABOR NEWS.

#### Coal Miners' Convention at Pittsburgh—American Flint Glass Schedule.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 20.—A Delegate Convention, representing nearly nine thousand miners in this district, is in session here to-day. Secretary W. T. Lewis of the Miners' Progressive Union is in the city and will address the convention this afternoon. The object of the meeting is to discuss the best means for the enforcement of the 7-cent rate and to elect a delegate to the National Convention.

#### ABOUT TOWN.

The Ivy Club will give its first masquerade ball at North St. Louis Turner Hall on New Year's eve.

The Associated Wholesale Grocers of this city will give a banquet at the Mercantile Club on December 31.

The annual reunion and dinner of the New England Club will take place at the Southern Hotel to-morrow evening.

The third annual ball of the Daughters of St. Ursula will be given at Druid's Hall Friday evening, December 23.

The Kimball Republican Club of the West will give a ball at the Kimball Hotel to-night at Taylor and Easton avenues.

Robert J. Fritin, the night operator of the Western Union Telegraph Office, leaves to-night for Elgin, Ill., on business of a private and personal nature.

MARY WILLIAMS, alias Mary Dugan, an old convict, was fined \$50 by Justice Keane this morning for throwing a stone through the window of a saloon on Sixth and Market streets.

An entertainment will be given Saturday evening at Concordia Turn Hall by the Marquette Miners' Association.

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#### THE "ARIZONA KICKER."

Many Phases of Editorial Life on the Western Plains.

From the Detroit Free Press. The late issue of the Arizona Kicker contains the following: NEARING THE LIMIT.—We have been repeatedly asked why we did not open on the G. & S. Railroad for its slow time, miserable old cars, rough road, high rates and generally incompetent service. It is because we have been expecting an annual pass from the road. We applied for it three months ago, but have heard nothing as yet. We are nearing the limit. If that pass is not here inside of a fortnight we shall send our best man to make the officials of the road wish they had never been born.

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### LABOR NEWS.

#### Coal Miners' Convention at Pittsburgh—American Flint Glass Schedule.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 20.—A Delegate Convention, representing nearly nine thousand miners in this district, is in session here to-day. Secretary W. T. Lewis of the Miners' Progressive Union is in the city and will address the convention this afternoon. The object of the meeting is to discuss the best means for the enforcement of the 7-cent rate and to elect a delegate to the National Convention.

#### ABOUT TOWN.

The Ivy Club will give its first masquerade ball at North St. Louis Turner Hall on New Year's eve.

The Associated Wholesale Grocers of this city will give a banquet at the Mercantile Club on December 31.

The annual reunion and dinner of the New England Club will take place at the Southern Hotel to-morrow evening.

The third annual ball of the Daughters of St. Ursula will be given at Druid's Hall Friday evening, December 23.

The Kimball Republican Club of the West will give a ball at the Kimball Hotel to-night at Taylor and Easton avenues.

Robert J. Fritin, the night operator of the Western Union Telegraph Office, leaves to-night for Elgin, Ill., on business of a private and personal nature.

MARY WILLIAMS, alias Mary Dugan, an old convict, was fined \$50 by Justice Keane this morning for throwing a stone through the window of a saloon on Sixth and Market streets.

An entertainment will be given Saturday evening at Concordia Turn Hall by the Marquette Miners' Association.

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#### THE "ARIZONA KICKER."

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